G. A. R. Veterans of Salt Lake

among the gathering Civil war veterans than Col. Henry Page, for years chief clerk of the Utah commission back in the territorial days, and for three terms state treasurer of Arkansas. He was a Massachusetts man originally and enlisted in Boston May 7, 1861, in the Eleventh Massachusetts volunteers, Col. George Clarke commanding. This was a little less than a month after the firing on Sumpter, and shortly after the noted Sixth Massachusetts had had its trilling experience passing through Baltimore, Page was then 25. He enlisted as a private, but was presently appointed a sergeant, and with his regiment took an active part in the first battle of Bull Run July 21, 1861, the Union troops being under the command of Maj. Gen. MacDowell. The Confederates thought they were beaten and retreated toward Richmond, while the Union forces thought they in turn were defeated and retreated toward Washington. The Indicrous attempts of Brig. Gen. Heintzlemann to stem the retreat of the federals are amusingly detailed by Col. Page. He believed at first that his regiment was all cut to pieces, but when roll was called out of the 1,000 men only 80 were killed, wounded or missing. Gen. McClellan suc eeded MacDowell, removing the Union forces to Bladensburg, Md., where systematic drilling was inaugurated, the Eleventh Massachusetts being brigaded with the Second New Hampshire and the Twen-ty-second Pennsylvania. Sergt, Page was commissioned second

lieutenant of E company, and in April, 1862, the troops were conducted by Mc-Clellan to the Peninsular, The Eleventh participated in the battle of Williams-

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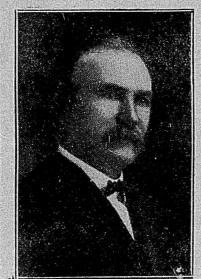
burg; then the siege of Yorktown, when the lieutenant was assigned to duty with the staff corps under the commanding general. For valiant services rendered at the battle of Antietam, in the spring of 1863, he was given a captain's commission, remaining on staff duty under successive com-manders, Gens. Burnside, Pope, Hooker and Meade, pagitelpating in numerous engagements, including the Wilderness campaign under Gen, Grant. On Aug. 1 Capt. Page was appointed chief quar-termaster and participated in the de-fense of Washington when Jubal Early threatened it, but who was defeated. Capt. Page was at the front in the bat-tle of Winchester, Sept. Sept. 9, 1864;

also, Cedar Creek, Fisher's Hill, and was promoted to be lieutenant colonel and ehlef quartermaster of the army of the Potomac, being later made chief commissary of the army of the Shen-andoah under Gen. Sheridan. The rank of brevet colonel was subsequently conferred, and had the war lasted a little longer, he would have received the full rank. Col. Page did yeoman service under Sheridan, winning commendation from his superior officers for not only personal bravery but good judgment. In July, 1867, Col. Page was mustered out of the service, but was made aide to Gen. Reynolds and chief quartermaster of Arkansas and Indian. Nation during the early reconstruction Nation during the early reconstruction period under Gen. Ord. He was also appointed state treasurer, and later reappointed state treasurer, and later re-appointed, holding the office until the state government was reorganized. As the colonel had acquired residence in the state, he was nominated and elected state treasurer for four years, and at the expiration of this term was chosen again to the responsible posi-tion. During the famous Brooks-Baxter controversy for the governor's office Col. Page served as aide on the staff of Col. Rose, who was in command of of Col. Rose, who was in command of the United States troops at the time, thus acting until the trouble was set-tled.

During the Spanish war, Col. Page was made commissary in Cuba with rank of major, having charge of the supplies for the island troops at Nuevitas. He later served as captain of the port, as collector, besides holding other important positions for three other important positions for three years, being relieved in 1990 with all of his accounts approved. Since then the veteran has served the government the veteran has served the government in a number of important positions, mostly with the interior department, including the Utah position mentioned, in all of which he conducted his duties with the entire approval of his superior officers. He is now superintendent of mall service for this city at the Federal building. Although 73 years old, Col. Page retains his youthful looks, owing to correct habits in life, and is likely to remain on the active list for many years more.

Page has been justly honored in Grand Army circles. He was chosen commander of the department of Utah in 1890, is also past commander of the James B. McKean post of this city, and was the first colonel of the Utah na-

Salt Lake City can boast of some veterans with great war records and among them is Thomas Harris, 321 Sherman avenue, who left part of his anatomy at Vicksburg battle field, who had bullets sailing about him so thick at the battle of Shiloh that 11 pierced his cost and he appared without. nis coat and he escaped without a scratch and who served in the southern bastiles as a prisoner of war.



Although Mr. Harris is now 72 years Although Mr. Harris is now 12 years old, he is as active as many a man half his years. Officially he is a member of George R. Maxwel post, No. 5, uppartment of Utah, he was department inspector of the department of Utah and is now assistant adjutant-general and quartermaster general of the de-partament of Utah, and adjutant of the National Association of Union ex-Pris-oners of War of the department of Utah, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, Mr. Harris enlisted at Muscatine county, Iowa, Sept. 20, 1861, as a private and came out as first sargeant

He enlisted under Capt. F. A. Cleve-land, Company B. Eighth regiment, lowa infantry, under Col. Frederick Steele and later Col. James L. Geddes. He was honorably discharged at Pocahontas, Tenn., Jan. 10, 1864, and re-enlisted as a corporal in the same company. It was on a Saturday night that Mr. Harris joined the Union army and the next morning they were on the

On April 6, 1862, the Eighth Iowa took part in the battle of Shiloh. This is probably one of the most stirring of the affairs of battle that Mr. Harristook part in. His story of it is dramatic in the extreme.

field," he said to the Deseret News, "and I often wonder how any man ever escaped with his life. It was along late in the afternoon and we had been ander fire since early in the morning.

The line to the right of us had been broken by the enemy and infantry troops had been rushed into the breech In front of us were three heavy lines of infantry and to the rear an artillary battery with six field pieces were lery battery with six field pieces were rushed in. There we were with shot and shell pouring in from three sides. It was another 'valley of death.' There was just one escape and that was the narrow outlet to the left.

der fire in the morning that I would live through that battle and I did. I never will forget the way we marched up before Shiloh church and laid down our arms. Although we had lost many men there was grit and determination in that regiment. There was still fight in them when they had to lay down their arms. "I can see old Col. Geddes as he

stalked up in front of the church saber

ground.
"My coat during that engagement was almost riddled with bullets and 11 of them went through that jacket. I did not receive as much as a scratch." After the engagement at Shilon Mr. Harris was a prisoner at Tuscaloosa. Ala, until June, 1862, when he was paroled to St. Louis and exchanged in

joining in the rear of Vicksburg. At the time he was wounded he was serving as color guard.

Mr. Harris was honorably discharged at Selma, Ala., April 20, 1866, after having served in two enlistments. He was born near the famous city of Bath, England, Feb. 7, 1837. He was

Gleaned at the Various Headquarters

"The Gallant Sixty-ninth" is well represented on the New York delegation, while the Seventy-first is not far behind. They regret that the great expense of traveling made it impossible for them to bring along their regimental bands.

mental bands.

The New York delegation, of w Corporal Tanner is a prominent member, held a well attended meeting yesterday afternoon, at the Commercial club, where a unanimous resolution was adopted, urging the administration to reappoint Charles A. Orr of Buffalo general pension agent. An ttempt was made at the Encampment of four years ago to prevent Col. Orr's reappointment; but it falled after a sharp fight, and it seems that the attempt is being made again. Judging by the sentiment expressed at this meeting, the effort to oust is being made by only a very few dissatisfied men. They are not likely to succeed any more now than then.

ILLINOIS.

A unique method of registering has been adopted by the Illinois department of the G. A. R. At that place cards are used and the card is hung on a hook on the wall allotted to each regiment. By this means each comrade can look up what information he de-

A greater part of the delegation ar-lyed in Salt Lake yesterday from thicago. Among them were many of nost noted of the veterans living in host state. rived in Chicago.

MICHIGAN.

Nellie Dodge Whitbeck, department president of the Women's Relief Corps of the department of Michigan, is the charming hostess in the woman's department headquarters at the Kenyon President Whitbeck is assisted by a charming bevy of women from the Wolverine state. It is said that Michigan will vote solidly for Van Sant and Atlantic City in the coming contests for commander-in-chief and place of holding next encampment.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The department of Massachusetts headquarters in the Kenyon is a busy place. John L. Parker of Lynn, Mass., department commander, is in charge of the quarters, and he is ably assisted in receiving veterans and visitors by S. B. Dearborn of Wakefield, Mass, past commander of the department.

OHIO.

The Ohio society entertained yesterday afternoon in the state armory from 3 to 6 p. m. Punch was served and the Hawaiian Troubadours furnished

VERMONT.

Adjt.-Gen. W. H. Miles is one of he jolly hosts at the headquarters of the department of Vermont in the Wilson hotel. Gen. J. H. Lucia, judge advocate general of the department of Vermont, is also on the receiving stars of Vermont's veteran's organization. A B. Franklin, who was lieutenant-colonel of the Eighth Vermont volunteers, is department commander and the head of the delegation from the Green Moun-

OREGON.

Few if any of the Grand Army delegations visiting Salt Lake City can boast of a more compact delegation than that from the department of Oregon, which has its headquarters on the third floor of the city and county building. Department Commander James P. Shaw announced yesterday that be-sides himself, five past department commanders, all of the five delegates, five alternates and all of the 150 representatives from the posts of the state are in the delegation. The first past department commanders are F. H. Lamb, Los Angeles; Dave Turner, Mc-Minnville, Or.: B. F. Pike, Newburg, Minnville, Or.; B. F. Pike, Newburg, Or.; A. J. Goodbroad, Union, Or.; S. F.

former president:

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Commander Shaw, who is a newspaper man, declares that it is his belief that the present encampment will be the last to be held west of the Rocky mountains,

In the headquarters of the department of Maine there is banner-an emblem of peace and good will between the Blue and the Gray—which is highly prized for its associations. It is a tri color flag of blue, gray and yellow in opposite corners of which are the coats of arms of the state of Maine and the of arms of the state of Maine and the state of Kentucky. The flag was presented to the department of Maine by Gen. Harry Weissinger, who once wore the Gray but is now true blue, when the G. A. R. encampment was held at Lewiston, Me., in 1898. Since that time it has been carried in all the G. A. R. parades and will be seen tomorrow at the head of the department of Maine. When the encampment of the G. A. R. was held at Louisville, Ky., Gen. Weissinger, who was a Confederate general, fitted up his big warehouse there as a hotel and took care of the

Weissinger, who was a Confederate general, fitted up his big warehouse there as a hotel and took care of the members of the department of Maine. A friendship sprang up between Gen. Weissinger and the members of the G. A. R. from Maine at this time, and finally resulted in the presentation of the flag several years later.

Gen. Weissinger was months completing the banner. It is made of silk and the coats of arms upon it is all handwork. For months Gen. Weissinger worked to secure the staff on which it is carried. It is made of a hickory limb which grew on the farm where Abraham Lincolm was born.

The department of Maine is treating all their visitors these days with the famous Poland water of Maine which is noted the world over. The members brought with them 150 gallons of the spring water in cases on their special train. It is pumped out "a subterranean passage and bott and sealed without ever touching the air. It is said to be the purest water in the world and is used in many cases for medical said to be the purest water in the world and is used in many cases for medical purposes. Forty-five G. A. R. delegates came on a special train bringing a number of friends besides. In the register there are upwards of 150 names of persons formerly of Maine.

NEW JERSEY.

rans, whose headquarters are at the Knutsford. Capt. Jams R. Mullikin, a retired officer of the Fourth U.S. infantry, and a civil service commis-sioner for the state of New Jersey, is at the head of the delegation, and a prominent member is Alfred Atkins, formerly of Duryee's Zouaves, the Fifth New York infantry, now a resident of Elizabeth, N. J.

CONNECTICUT.

Connecticut, the Nutmeg state, has 20 delegates to the encampment under command of Department Commander General George Haven of New London. With them is also William E. Morgan, assistant adjutant general and quartermaster of the department, from New Department Commander A. S. Stew-

art of the department of South Dako-ta, which has its headquarters at the Wilson hotel, declares that he and his 15 delegates are for former Governor Van Sant for commander-in-chief. Among the delegates are John L. Palmer of Carthage, S. D., who is chief of staff of the Naval Veterans' as-sociation and Frank A. Moore, assistant adjutant general, who is author of "Ghosts and Devils," a clever novel dealing with an expedition for buried treasure near Fort Sumter.

TEXAS.

The state headquarters of Texas in the Commercial club building is sought by all veterans from the south.

The department of Utah, G. A. R., will take no part in the contest for the next commander-in-chief of the

Musical Numbers Please the Veterans Beyond Measure-Some Good Addresses Delivered.

"War has no wrangles over religion or dogmas, but it was to make one nation instead of a number of alien provinces that the war was had," declared Col. S. S. Burdette, former commandern-chief of the G. A. R. at Assembly hall last night in addressing the campfire. The war, he asserted, was to enforce the respect of the United States throughout the length and breadth of the land and to bring about that broth-

erhood of states which now exists.

The chairman of the meeting, Joseph
W. O'Neall, past adjutant general and past department commander, Lebanon, Ohio, next introduced William Ketch-um, former attorney general of Indiana and at present a candidate for the of-fice of commander-in-chief.

The last number on the program was a recitation by John P. Meakin.

The musical numbers pleased the veterans beyond measure. Many declared that they were surprised at the talent exhibited in Salt Lake. Miss Irene Kelly sang Kipling's "recessional." Miss Hammer gave "Silver Threads Among the Gold." One of the prettiest things of the evening was Miss Hazel Barnes in "Salute the Old Defender." L. W. Richardson also gave a solo.

ARMORY CAMP FIRE

Surviving Member of Utah Commission Surprised at City's Growth.

Although there was some disappointment at the failure of scheduled speakers to be present at the campfire at the Armory last evening, the program was carried out, and Comrade Phil Cheek, chairman of the meeting, called upon two veterans from the audience who ably took the places of the absent ones.
The program was an interesting one but the attendance was decidedly light, not more than 125 persons being present. The musical part of the program was splendid, especially the music rendered by the Hawaiian Troubadors and the soprano solos by Miss Florence Locke.

The speakers for the occasion were

The speakers for the occasion were J. F. Mack of Sandusky, Ohio, and E. R. Montfort of Cincinnati. Mr. Mack sald in part:

"Some people at home thought we boys had a picnic, but judging from the thousands who died in hospitals the thousands who died in hospitals and that were rendered cripples for life, such an opinion is absurd. The three other wars, the Revolution, Mexican and Spanish, in which the United States has been engaged, has not cost the American government as much as the war of the Rebellion. This was due to the fact that American was fighting American, and it was war to the finish. There were more died in Andersonville prison," he said, "than were killed in the other three conflicts.

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"In addition to the terrible loss of life, there was a still greater loss in the producing power of the country," continued the speaker. "To take the best blood of the country from the work shops, farm and professions was to take the ingenuity from the young republic. republic.

WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

"There are still some who contend there should have been two nations, Stop and think what we would have had today should the southern Confederacy have been established. We would have a North and a South, divided by a line from coast to coast.

"We would have had a continuous border warfare, and in time to come, section after section over the country would have been wanting to withdraw and have their own government. The west would not have been satisfied with the things the New England states wanted, and a conflict would had today should the southern Confedstates wanted, and a conflict would have been on. This would have been one unceasing and continuous fight, and the American people would not have attained the high distinction they have and enjoy today."

THE PRIVATE SOLDIER.

Mr. Montfort paid a glowing tribute to the private soldier and spoke of the patriolism of the brave men who fought to uphold the Union. He told fought to uphold the Union. He told of a young soldier, Michael Brady, who was the object of jest among his comrades but who showed wonderful bravery and love of country. In a bloody battle he was carrying the flag. His comrades saw him fall to the ground mortally wounded, but he raised himself and kept the colors flying proudly. Again and again he was shot down and when carried from the field it was found that he had been shot 16 times and the flag staff had two shot 16 times and the flag staff had two bullets in it, "That was heroism," said the speak-

er, "and was as great as any displayed by the officers who led the biggest army in the war. Many officers had the chance to distinguish themselves, but there were as many heroic deeds in the ranks of the privates."

PAYSON BAND IN LINE The Payson Silver band of 16 pieces

arrived on the San Pedro last evening and was heard at several public points in the city that evening and have been dispensing enlivening music during the day, which was well received and en joyed by the hosts who listened. This band is one of the leading musical organizations of Utah county and for several years the organization held the championship of the county. This is the old home band with which Prof. McClellan played clarinet and cornet for several years during his youth.

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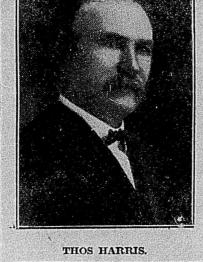
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"How any man survived that rain of death dealing bullets I can never understand. I knew when I went un-

n hand. He turned to the officer in charge and almost demanded if there was not a fighting chance of winning. When informed that there was not h was like a caged tiger. The fire fairly jumped out of his eyes as he raised his hand and drove his saber into the

At the battle of Vicksburg, May 22.

1863, a piece of shell hit his hip and tore out a piece of the flesh. Within 30 days after leaving the hospital at Jackson, he was back in the army again, I in his hunting trip through Africa.



exhibit there are, too, relics of CAPTAIN A. F. LAUDENSACK. the various guns used by Roosevelt